

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. **(Currently Amended)** Prolonged-release compositions containing torasemide as active ingredient and a m3-5, arix-forming polymer and lactose.
2. **(Original)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 1, wherein these compositions are tablets for oral administration.
3. **(Currently Amended)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 1 and 2, wherein the matrix-forming polymer is selected from the group of polymers consisting of acrylic acid, cellulose, glycerol behenate, guar gum, xanthan gum, chitosan, gelatin, polyvinyl alcohol ~~and the like,~~ and mixtures thereof.
4. **(Currently Amended)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 3, wherein the acrylic matrix-forming polymer is selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid polymers ~~and the like, and derivatives~~ and mixtures thereof.
5. **(Currently Amended)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 3, wherein the cellulose matrix-forming polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, methylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, ~~and the like,~~ and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and mixtures thereof.
6. **(Original)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 3, wherein the matrix-forming polymer is guar gum.

7. **(Currently Amended)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 1, wherein torasemide is present in a proportion from 0.5 to 20%.
8. **(Original)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 7, wherein torasemide is present in a proportion from 4 to 10%.
9. **(Previously Presented)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 1, wherein the matrix-forming polymers are present in a proportion from 1 to 50%.
10. **(Original)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 9, wherein the matrix-forming polymers are present in a proportion from 2 to 40%.
11. **(Currently Amended)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 1, comprising in addition one or more excipients selected from the group consisting of diluents, binders, disintegrants, and lubricants, ~~and the like~~.
12. **(Currently Amended)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 11, wherein, the diluents are selected from the group consisting of lactose, celluloses, mannitol, calcium phosphate, ~~and the like~~, and the mixtures thereof.
13. **(Currently Amended)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 11, wherein, the binders are selected from the group consisting of ~~Aerosile~~<sup>®</sup> 200 fumed silica, starch, ~~and the like~~, and mixtures thereof.

14. **(Currently Amended)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 11, wherein, the disintegrants are selected from the group consisting of ~~Aerosil<sup>®</sup> 200~~ fumed silica, starch, ~~and the like~~, and mixtures thereof.

15. **(Currently Amended)** Prolonged-release compositions according to claim 11, wherein, the lubricants are selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, ~~and the like~~, and mixtures thereof.